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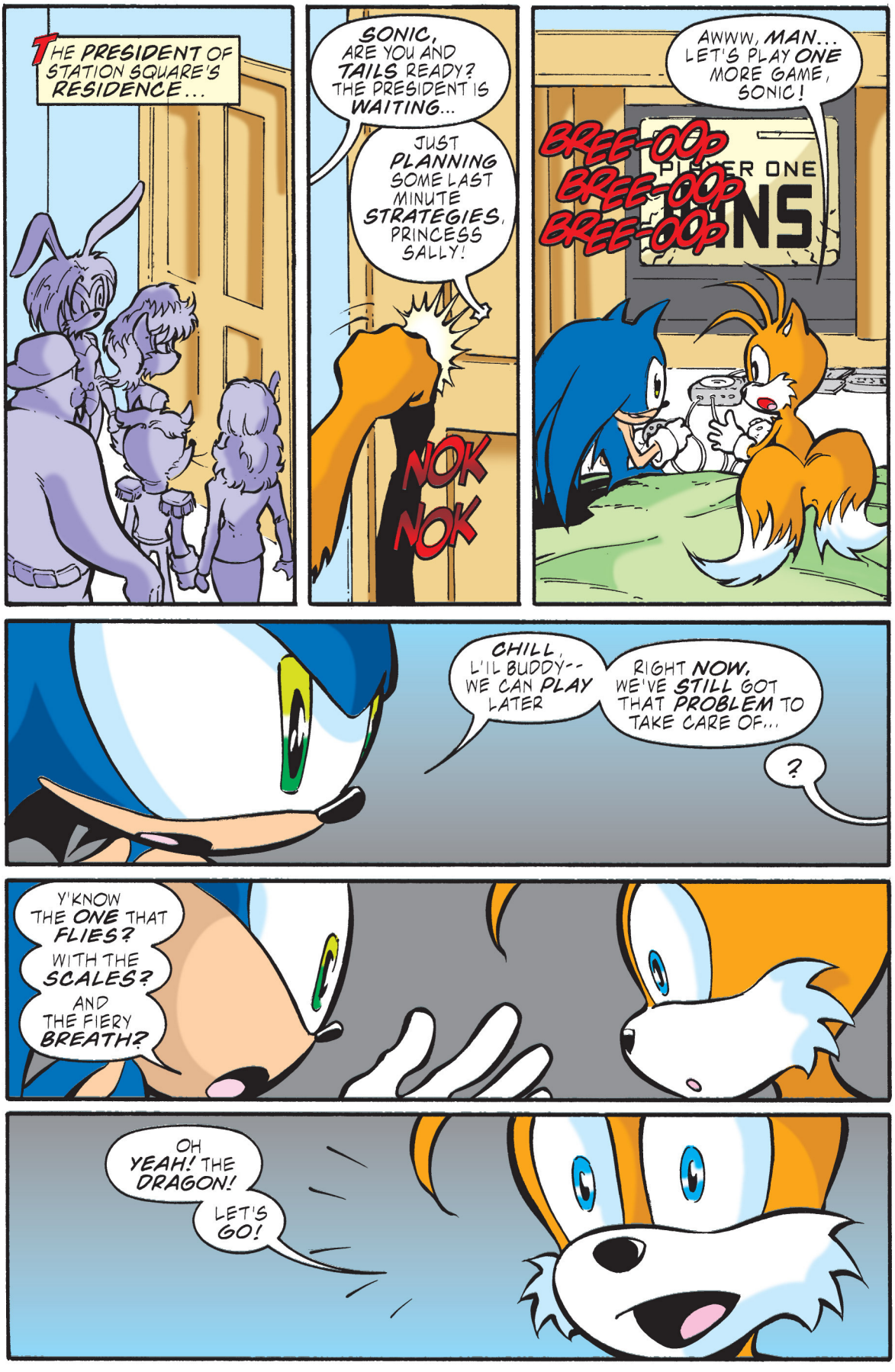
THE PRESIDENT OF STATION SQUARE'S RESIDENCE...
SONIC, ARE YOU AND TAILS READY? THE PRESIDENT IS WAITING...
JUST PLANNING SOME LAST MINUTE STRATEGIES, PRINCESS SALLY!
NOK NOK
AWWW, MAN... LET'S PLAY ONE MORE GAME, SONIC!
BREE-OOP BREE-OOP BREE-OOP
CHILL, L'IL BUDDY-- WE CAN PLAY LATER
RIGHT NOW, WE'VE STILL GOT THAT PROBLEM TO TAKE CARE OF...
?
Y'KNOW THE ONE THAT FLIES? WITH THE SCALES? AND THE FIERY BREATH?
OH YEAH! THE DRAGON!
LET'S GO!

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE VIDEO FOOTAGE, THE DRAGON THREATENS OUR VERY WAY OF LIFE.*
I ADVISE IMMEDIATE TERMINATION-- WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE!
* SEE LAST ISSUE.

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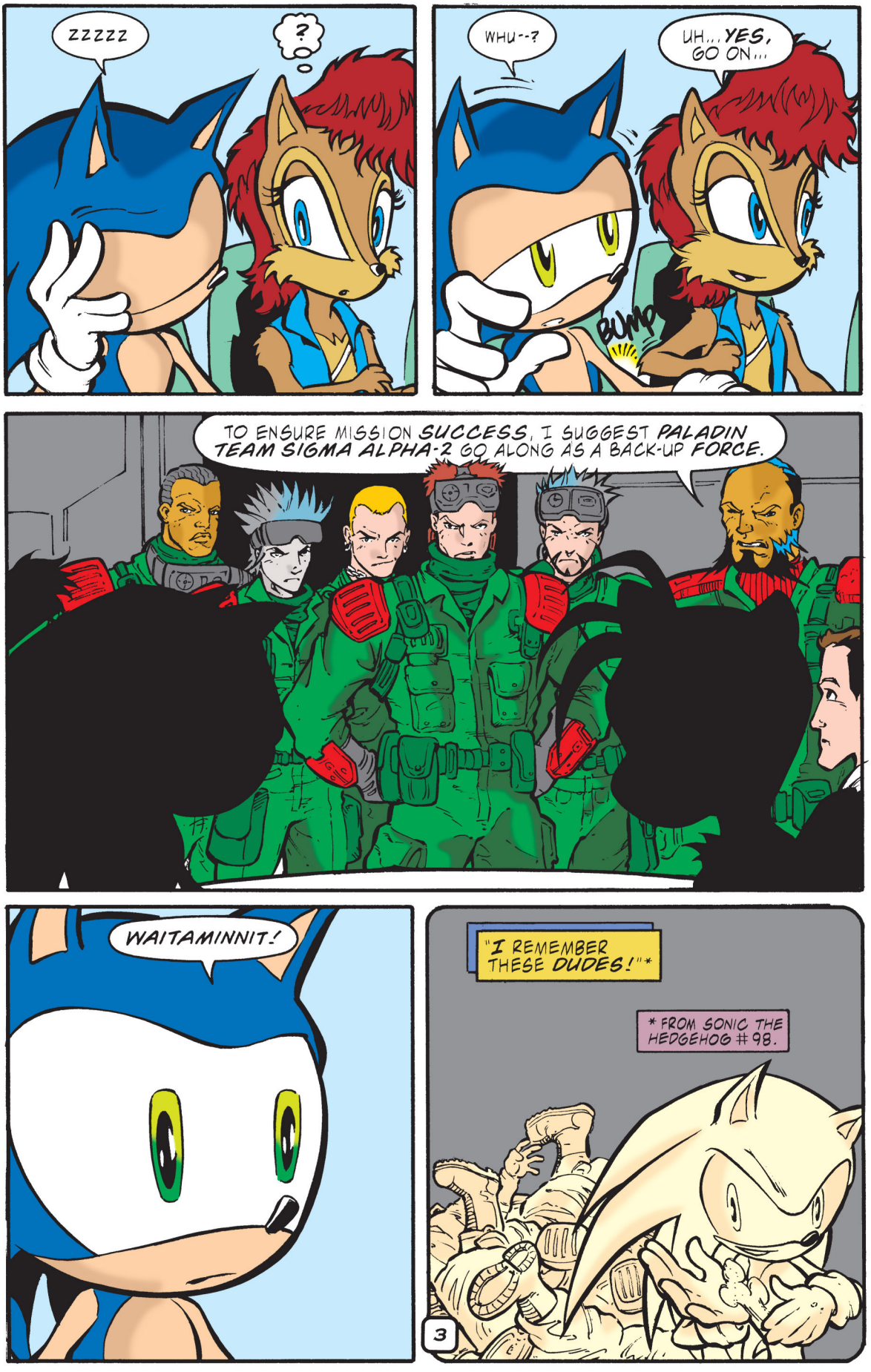
ZZZZZ
?
WHU--?
UH... YES, GO ON...
BUMP
TO ENSURE MISSION SUCCESS, I SUGGEST PALADIN TEAM SIGMA ALPHA-2 GO ALONG AS A BACK-UP FORCE.
WAITAMINNIT!
"I REMEMBER THESE DUDES!"*
* FROM SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #98.
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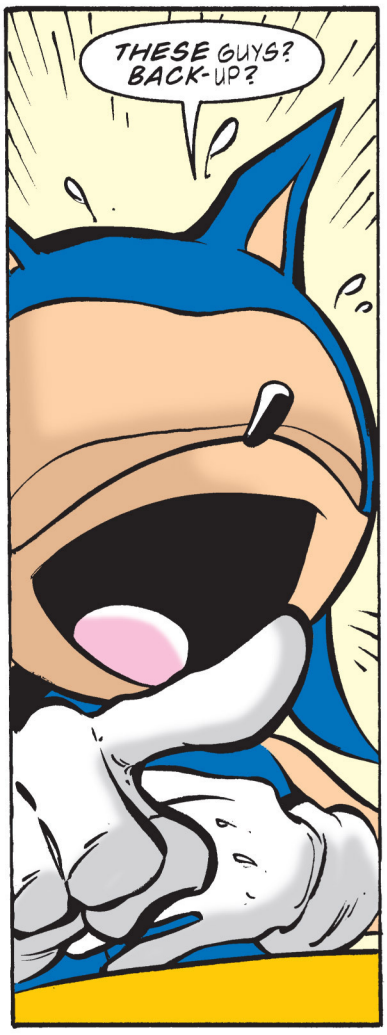
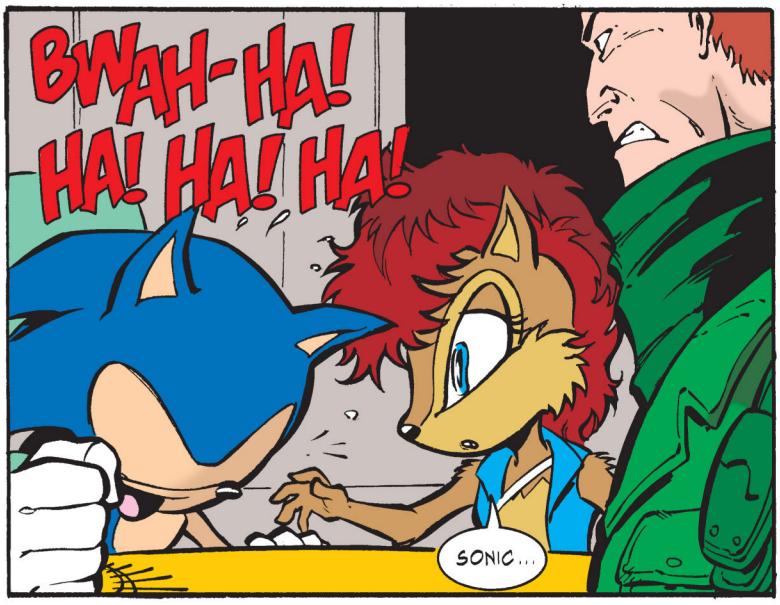
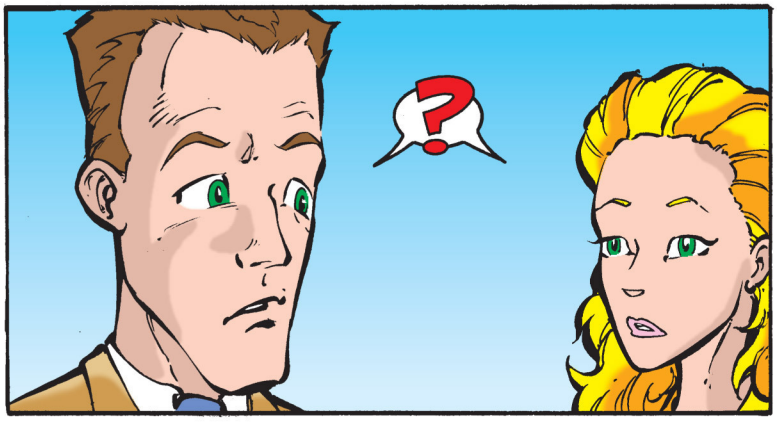
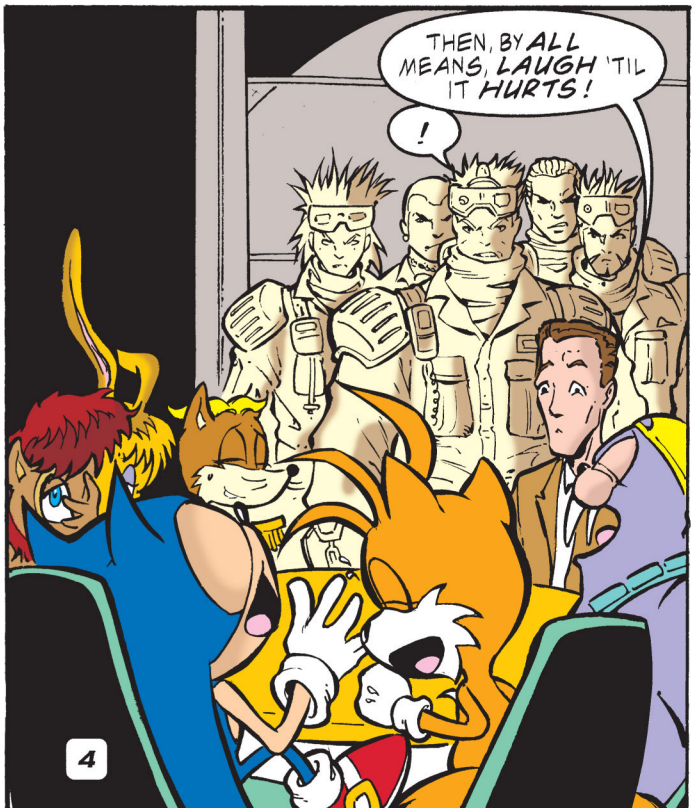

THESE GUYS? BACK-UP?


BWAH-HA! HA! HA! HA!
SONIC...


?

UM...IN, UHH... WHERE WE COME FROM...IT'S A CUSTOMARY SIGN OF...
...UH, RESPECT... TO LAUGH AT ONE'S...UH, ALLIES!


THEN, BY ALL MEANS, LAUGH 'TIL IT HURTS!
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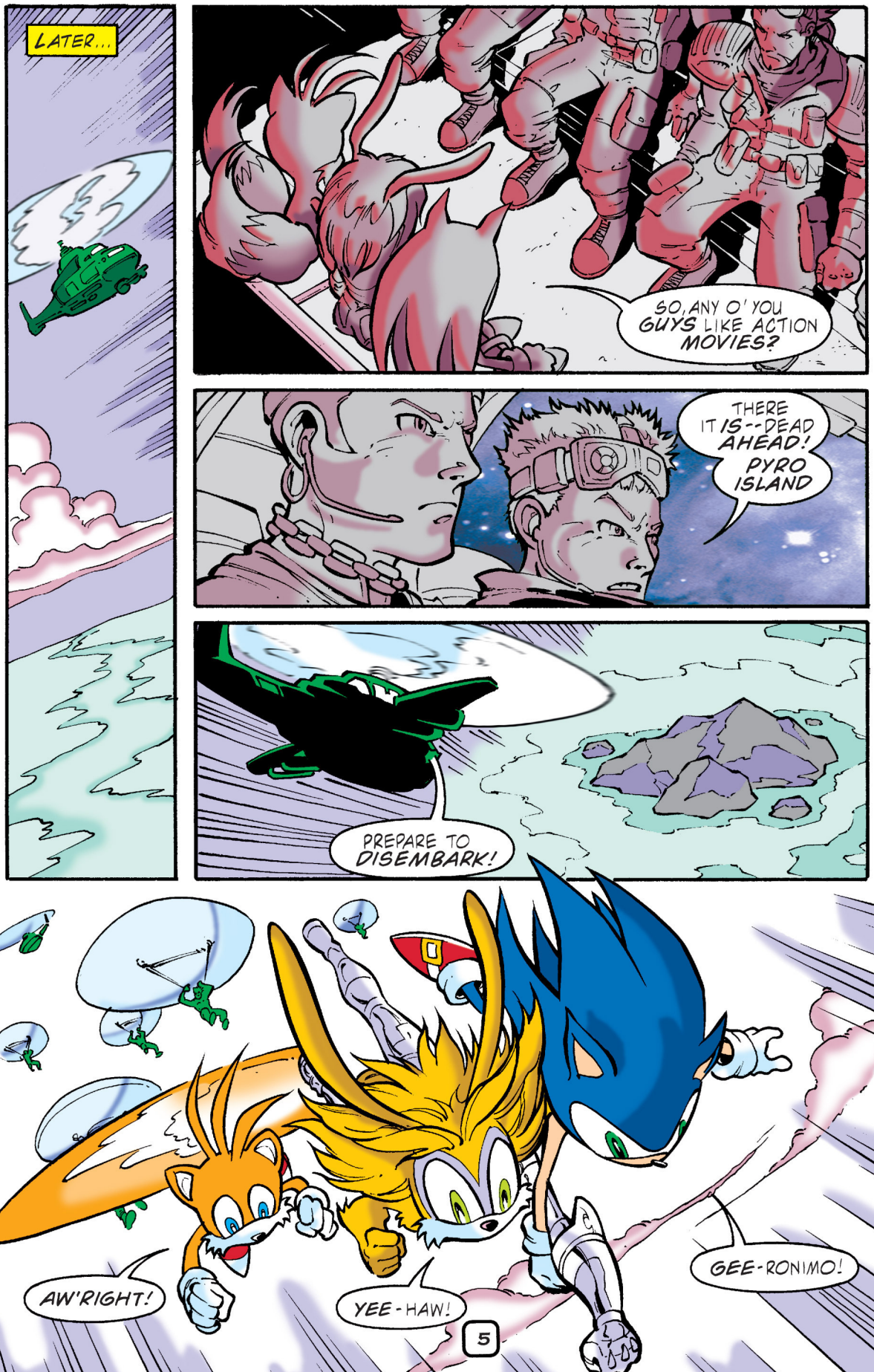
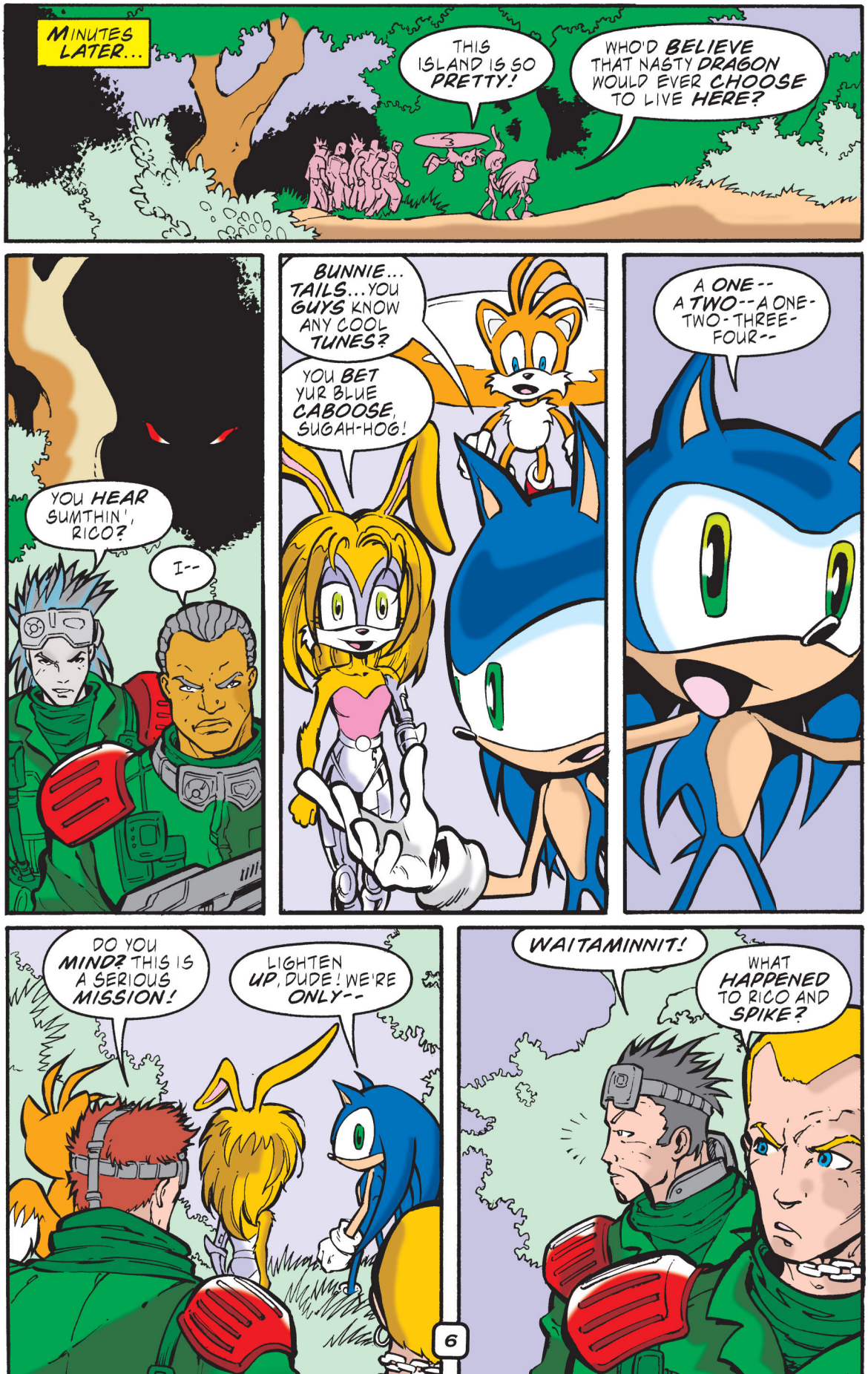
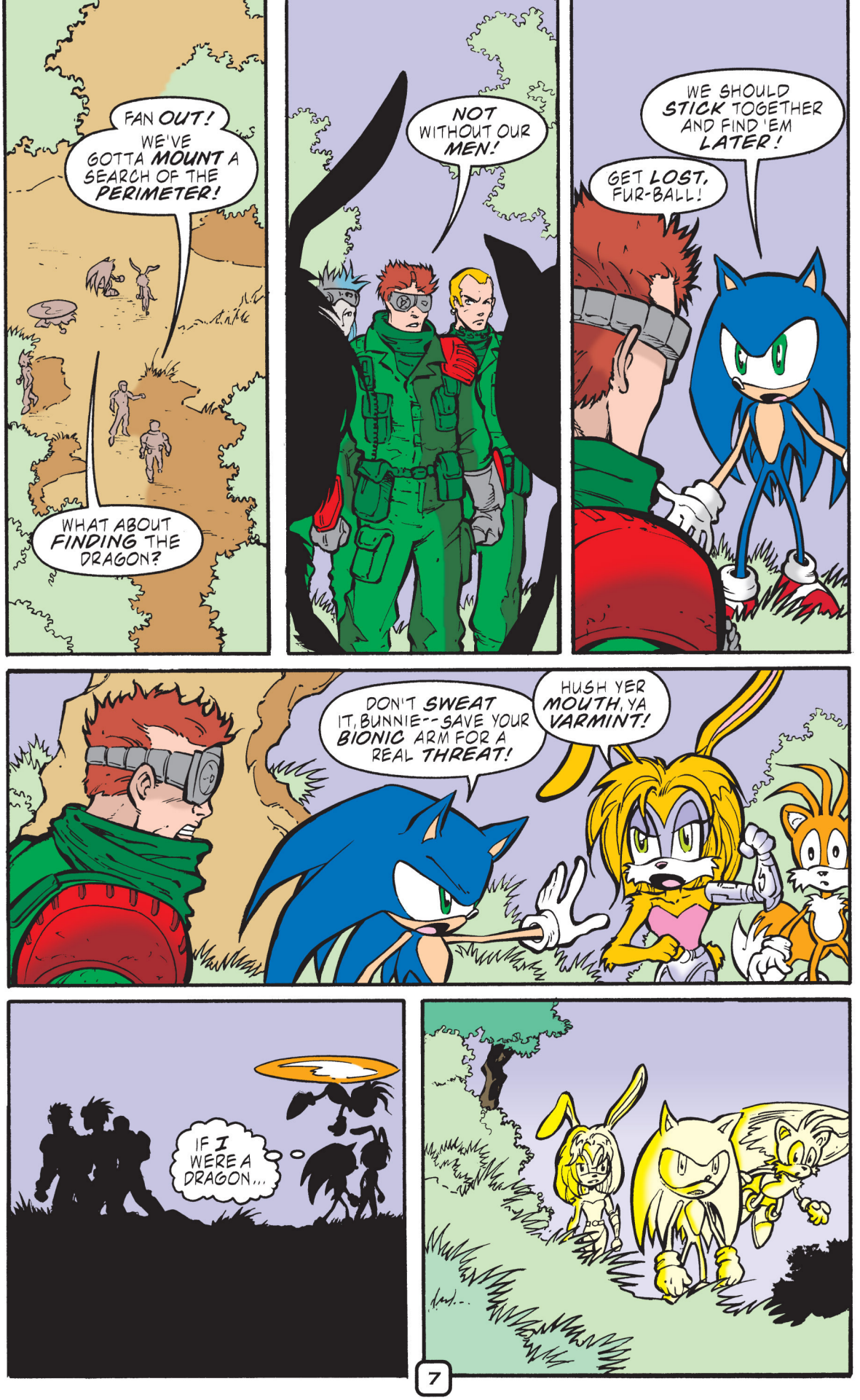
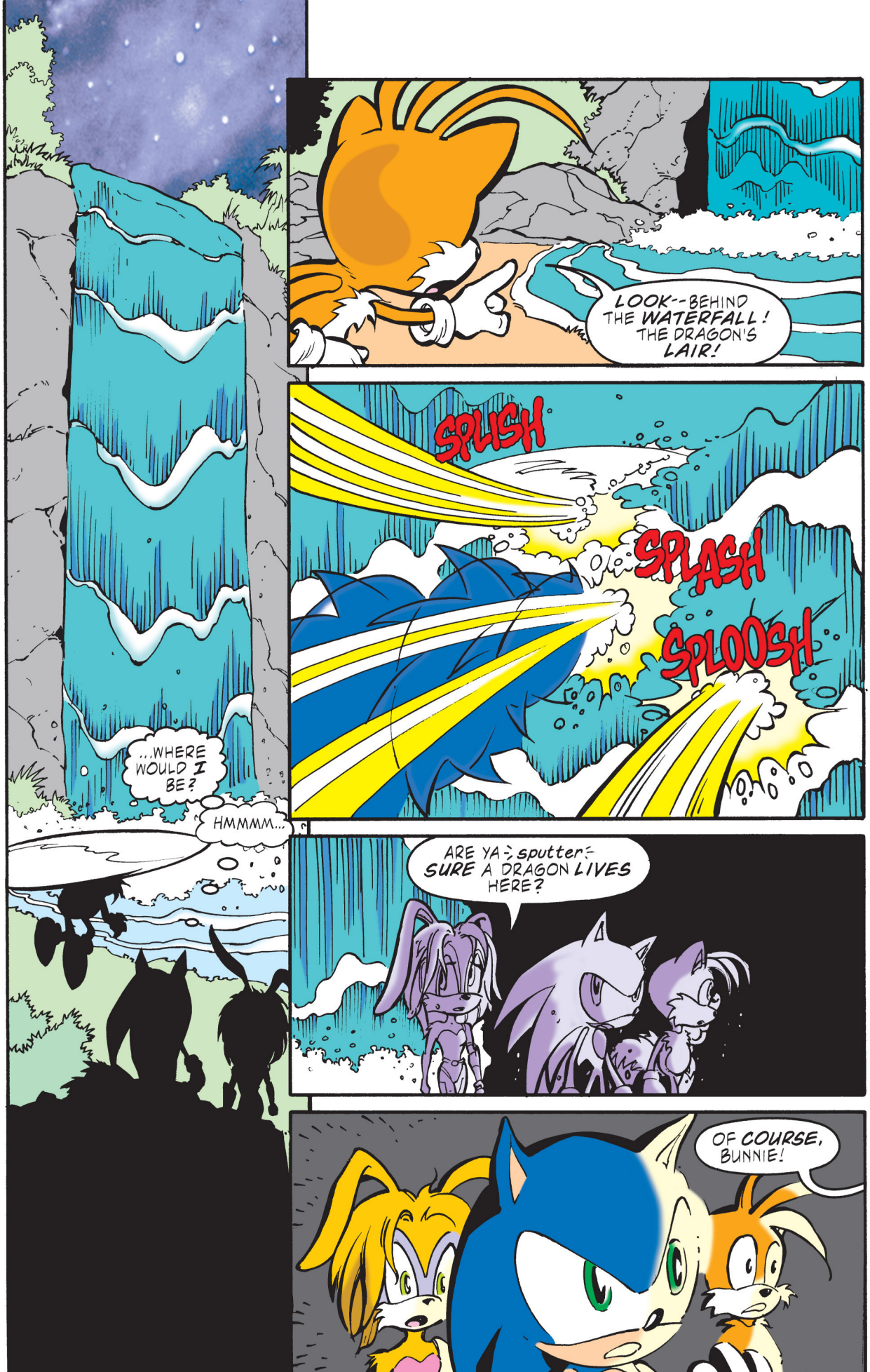
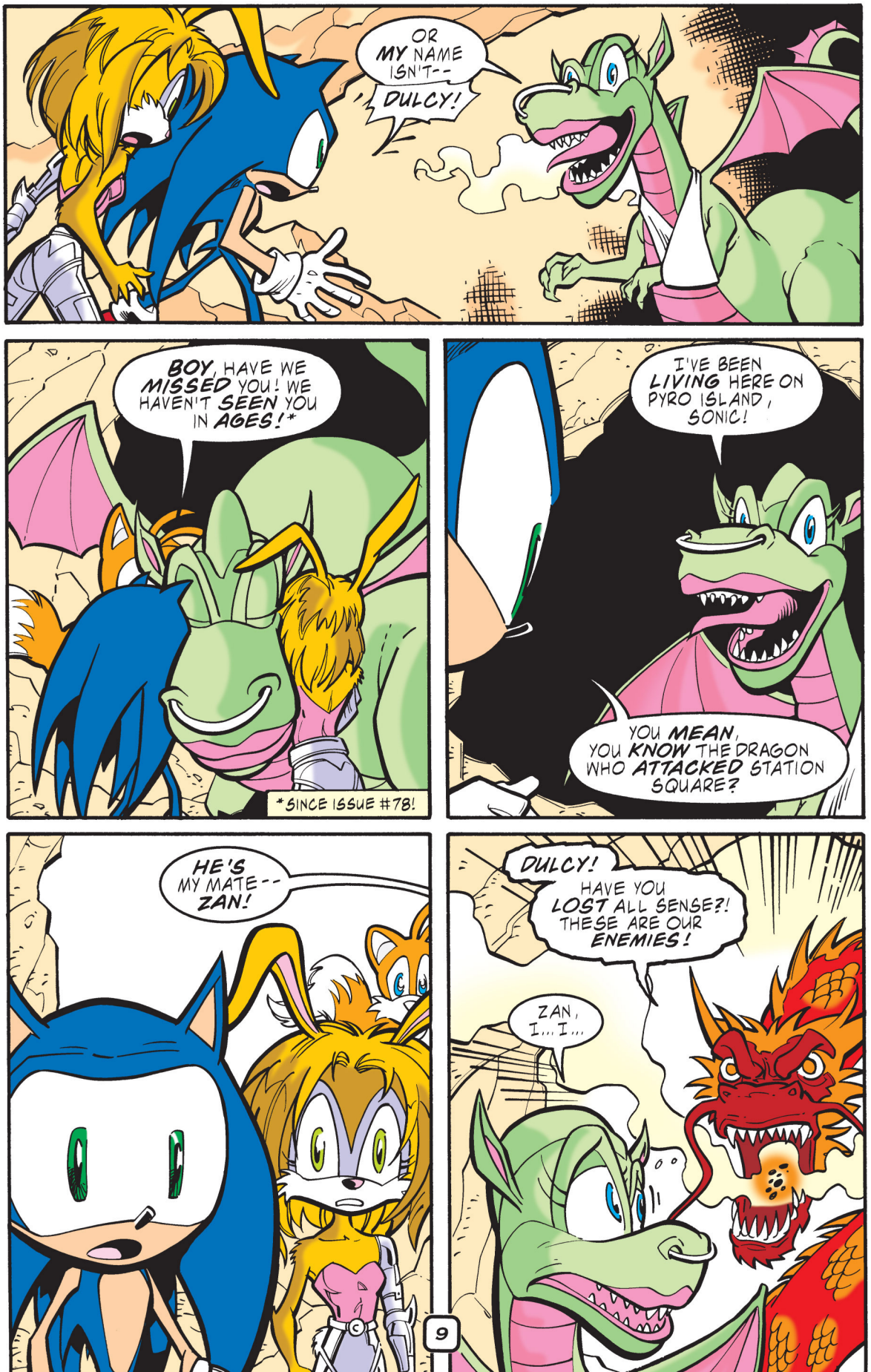
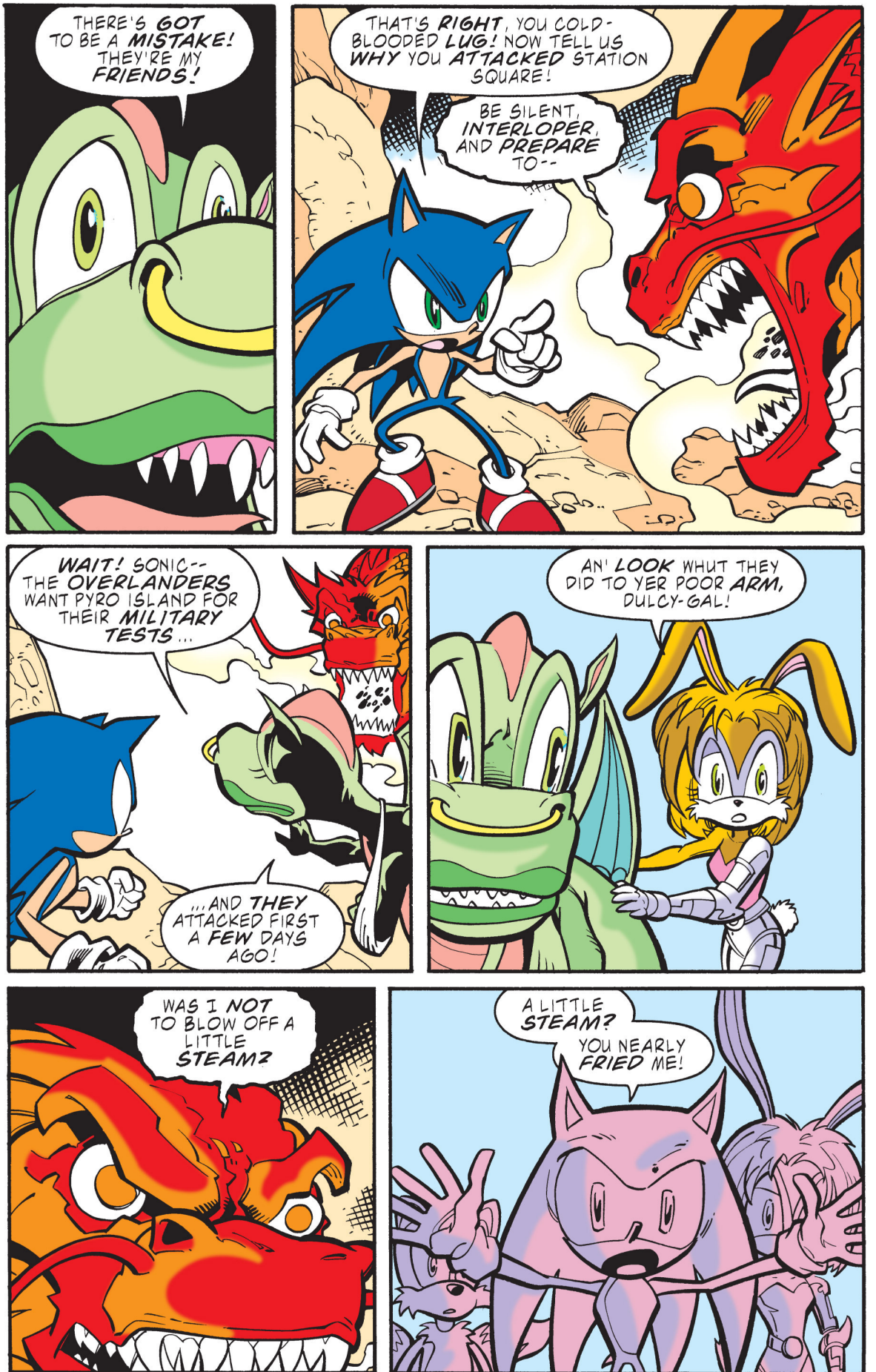

LATER...
SO, ANY O' YOU GUYS LIKE ACTION MOVIES?
THERE IT IS--DEAD AHEAD! PYRO ISLAND
PREPARE TO DISEMBARK!
AW'RIGHT!
YEE-HAW!
GEE-RONIMO!

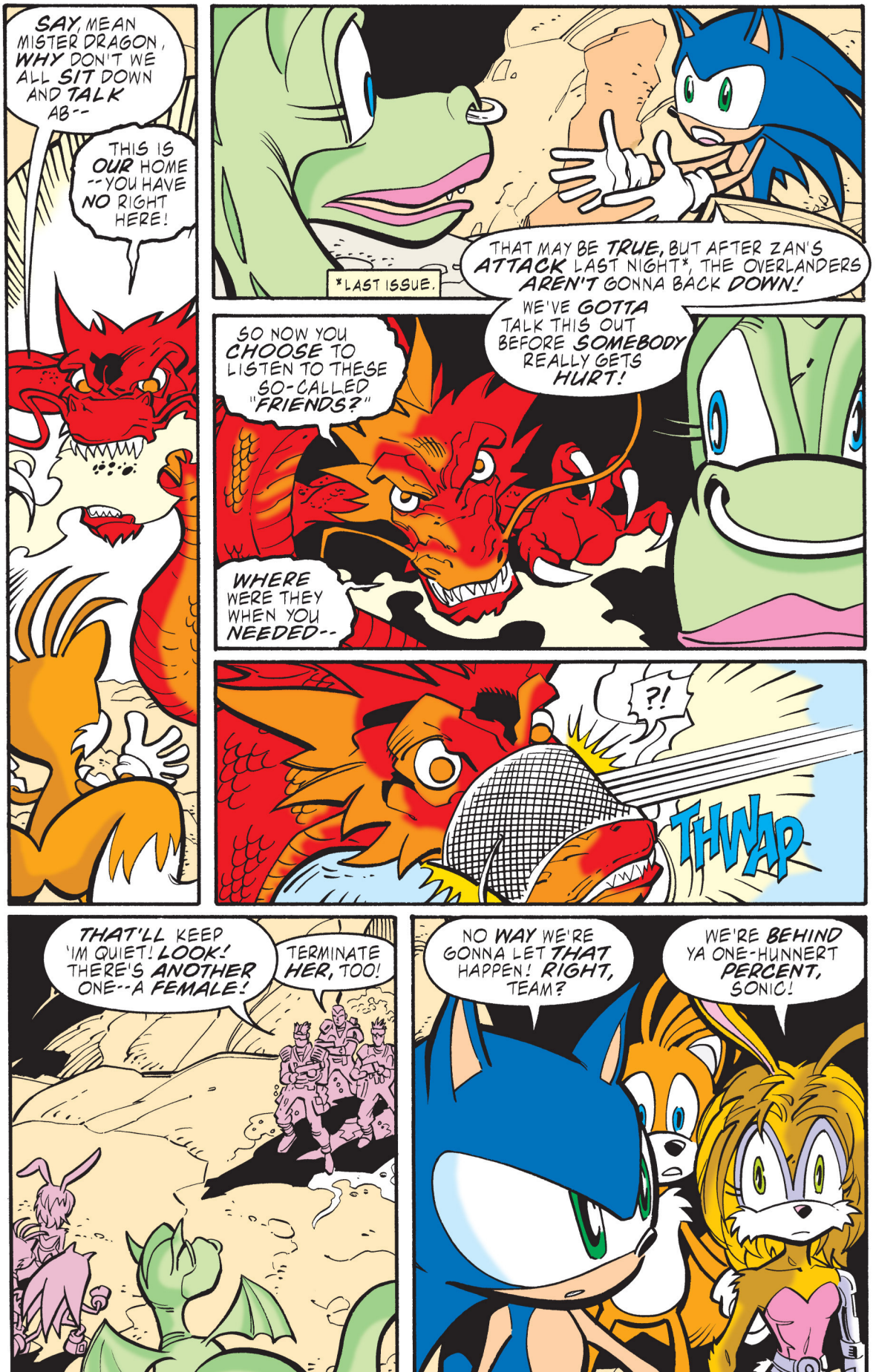

MINUTES LATER...
THIS ISLAND IS SO PRETTY!
WHO'D BELIEVE THAT NASTY DRAGON WOULD EVER CHOOSE TO LIVE HERE?
YOU HEAR SUMTHIN', RICO?
I--
BUNNIE... TAILS... YOU GUYS KNOW ANY COOL TUNES?
YOU BET YUR BLUE CABOOSE, SUGAH-HOG!
A ONE-- A TWO-- A ONE-TWO-THREE-FOUR--
DO YOU MIND? THIS IS A SERIOUS MISSION!
LIGHTEN UP, DUDE! WE'RE ONLY--
WAITAMINNIT!
WHAT HAPPENED TO RICO AND SPIKE?

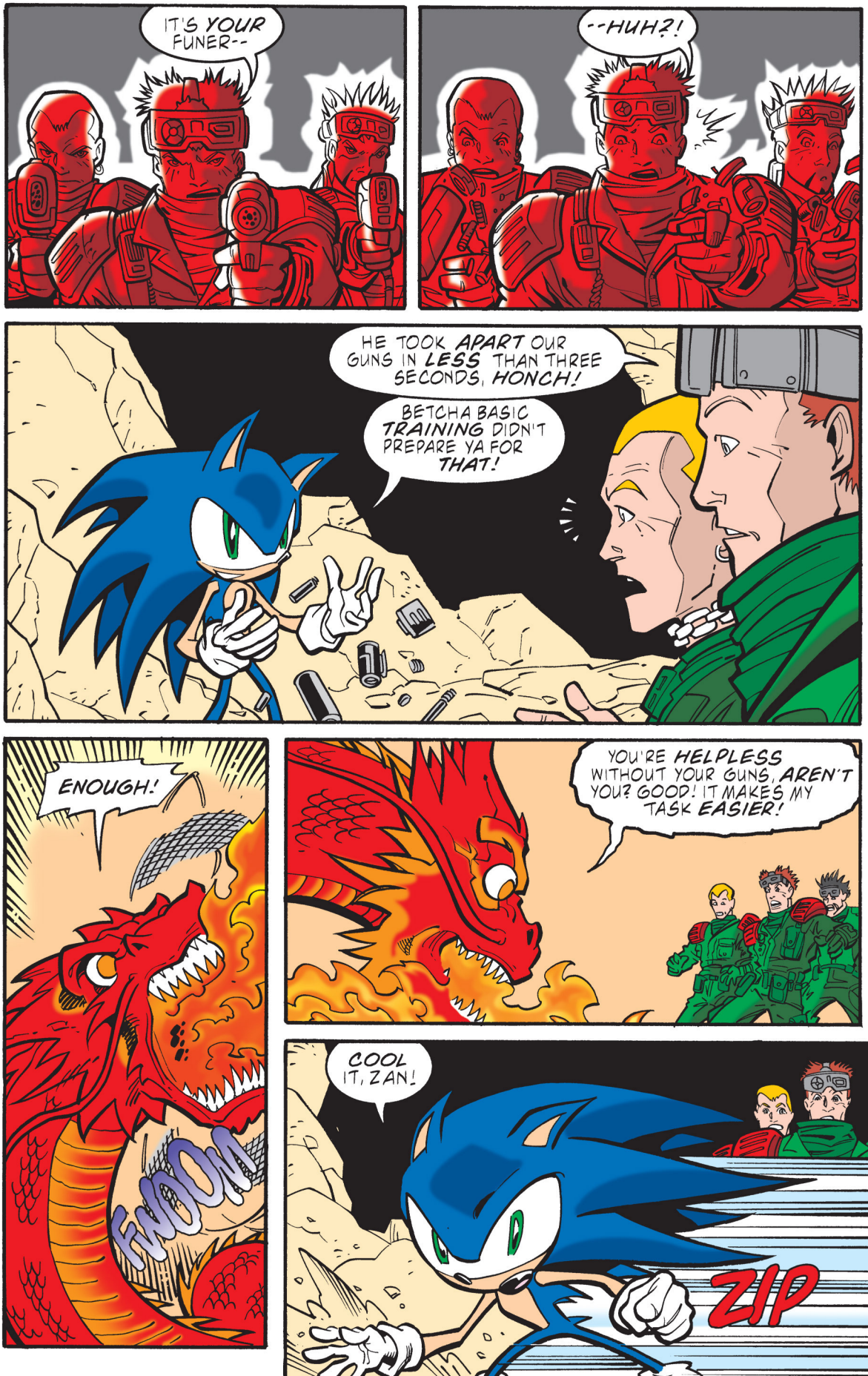

FAN OUT! WE'VE GOTTA MOUNT A SEARCH OF THE PERIMETER!
WHAT ABOUT FINDING THE DRAGON?
NOT WITHOUT OUR MEN!
WE SHOULD STICK TOGETHER AND FIND 'EM LATER!
GET LOST, FUR-BALL!
DON'T SWEAT IT, BUNNIE--SAVE YOUR BIONIC ARM FOR A REAL THREAT!
HUSH YER MOUTH, YA VARMINT!
IF I WERE A DRAGON...


LOOK--BEHIND THE WATERFALL! THE DRAGON'S LAIR!
SPLISH
SPLASH
SPLOOSH
...WHERE WOULD I BE?
HMMMM...
ARE YA--sputter--SURE A DRAGON LIVES HERE?
OF COURSE, BUNNIE!

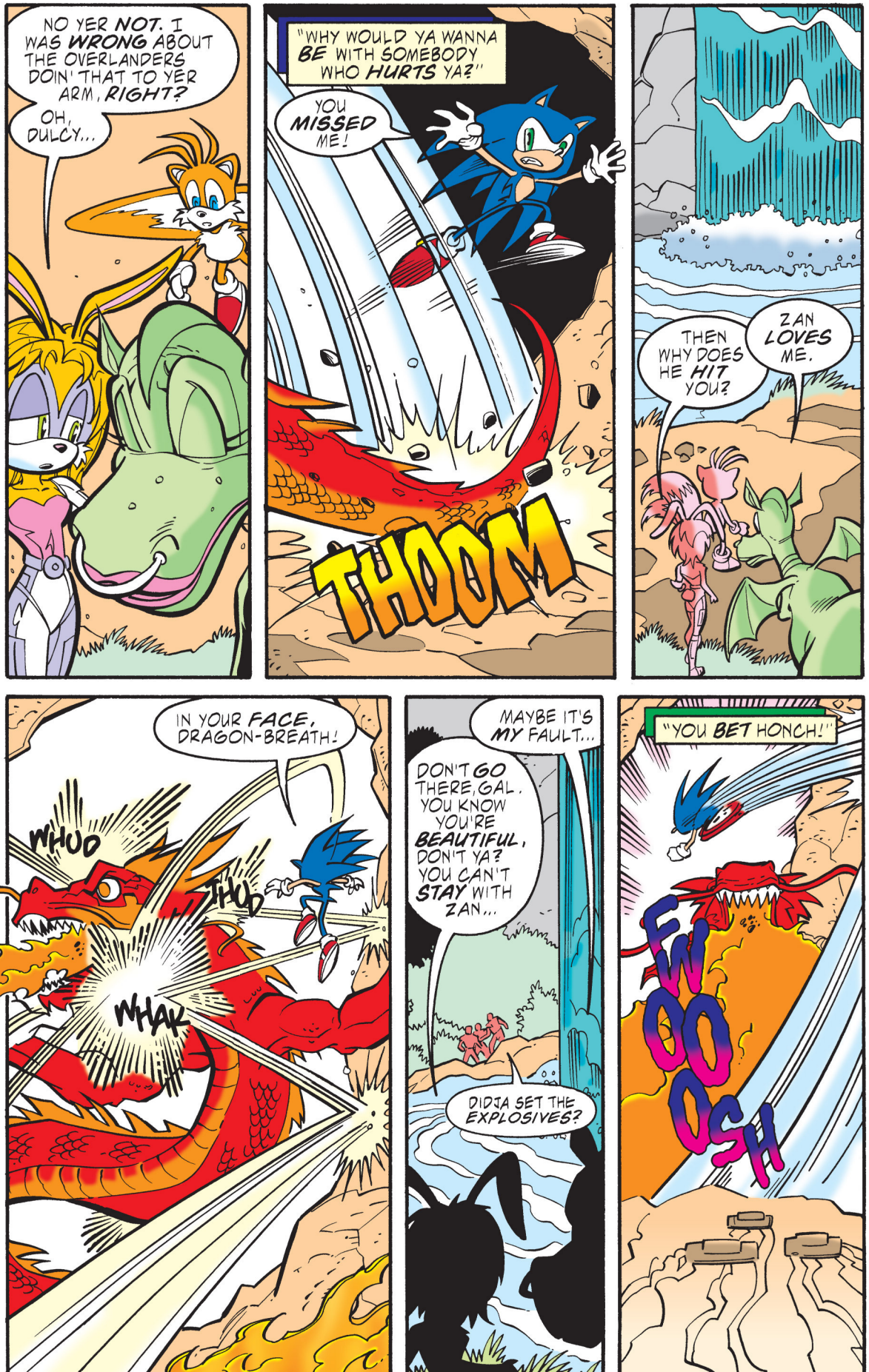

OR MY NAME ISN'T--
DULCY!
BOY, HAVE WE MISSED YOU! WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN AGES!*
*SINCE ISSUE #78!
I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE ON PYRO ISLAND, SONIC!
YOU MEAN, YOU KNOW THE DRAGON WHO ATTACKED STATION SQUARE?
HE'S MY MATE-- ZAN!
DULCY! HAVE YOU LOST ALL SENSE?! THESE ARE OUR ENEMIES!
ZAN, I... I...

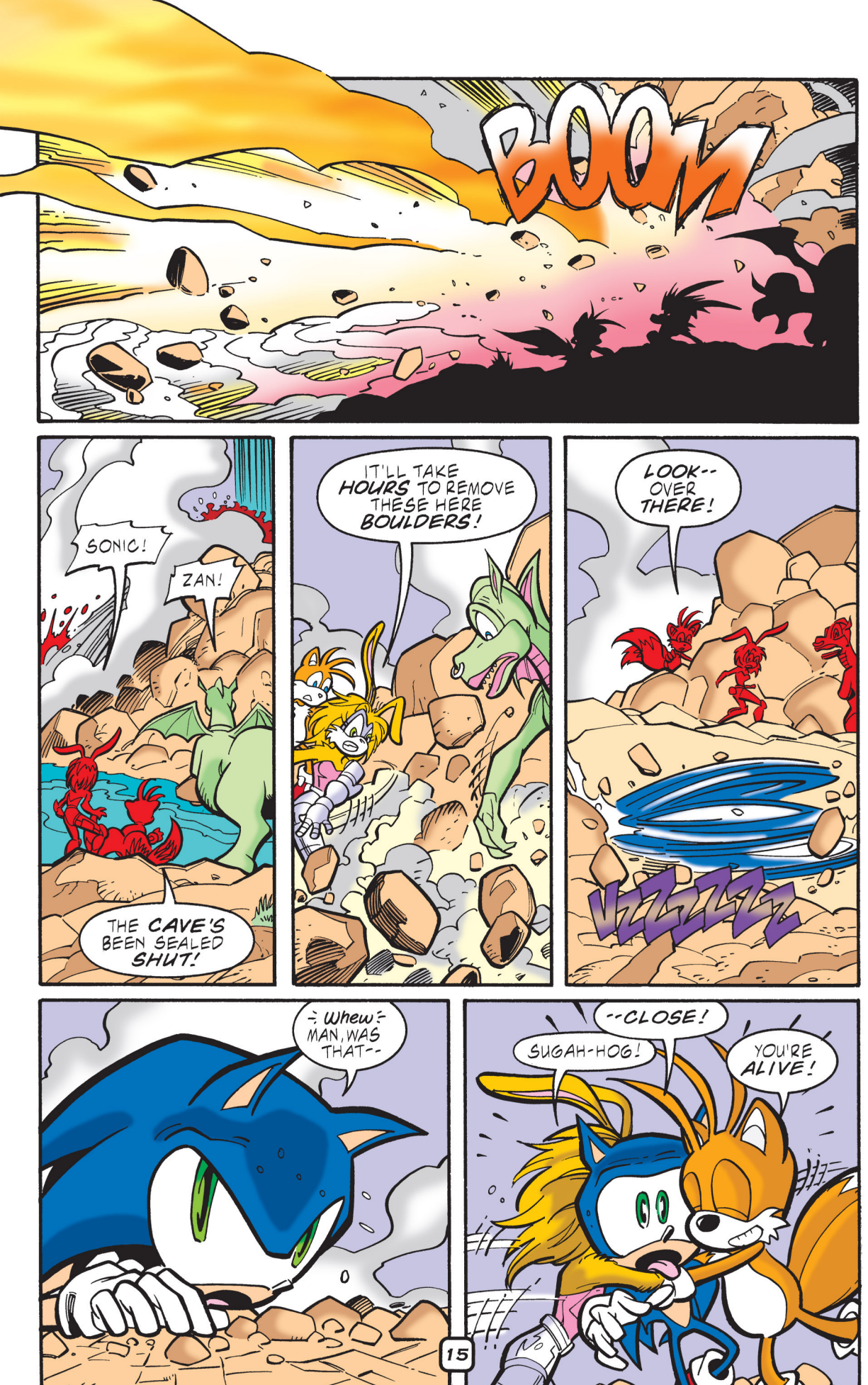

THERE'S GOT TO BE A MISTAKE! THEY'RE MY FRIENDS!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU COLD-BLOODED LUG! NOW TELL US WHY YOU ATTACKED STATION SQUARE!
BE SILENT, INTERLOPER, AND PREPARE TO--
WAIT! SONIC-- THE OVERLANDERS WANT PYRO ISLAND FOR THEIR MILITARY TESTS...
...AND THEY ATTACKED FIRST A FEW DAYS AGO!
AN' LOOK WHUT THEY DID TO YER POOR ARM, DULCY-GAL!
WAS I NOT TO BLOW OFF A LITTLE STEAM?
A LITTLE STEAM?
YOU NEARLY FRIED ME!

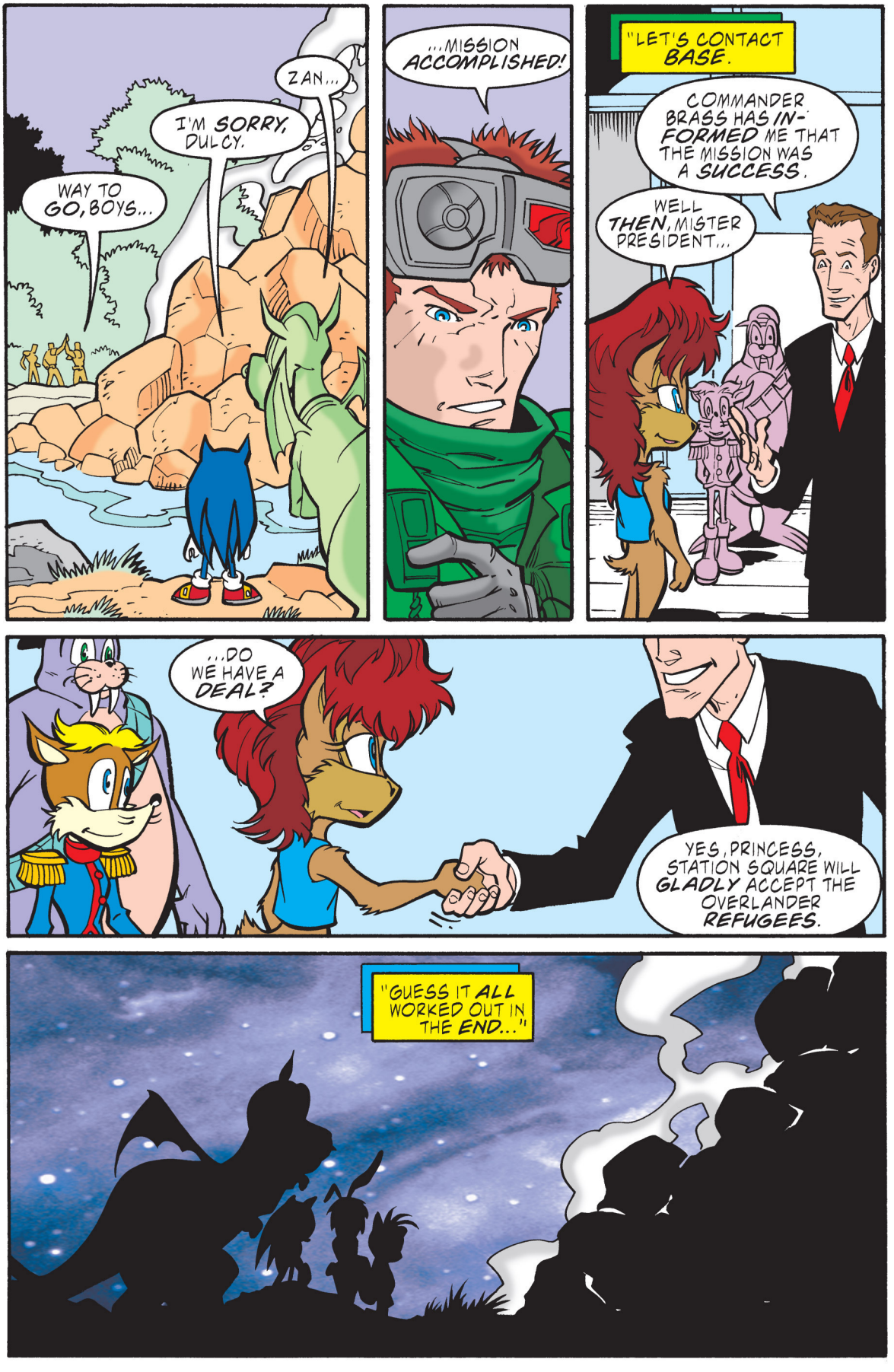

SAY, MEAN MISTER DRAGON, WHY DON'T WE ALL SIT DOWN AND TALK AB--
THIS IS OUR HOME --YOU HAVE NO RIGHT HERE!
THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT AFTER ZAN'S ATTACK LAST NIGHT*, THE OVERLANDERS AREN'T GONNA BACK DOWN!
*LAST ISSUE.
WE'VE GOTTA TALK THIS OUT BEFORE SOMEBODY REALLY GETS HURT!
SO NOW YOU CHOOSE TO LISTEN TO THESE SO-CALLED "FRIENDS?"
WHERE WERE THEY WHEN YOU NEEDED--
?!
THWAP
THAT'LL KEEP 'IM QUIET! LOOK! THERE'S ANOTHER ONE--A FEMALE!
TERMINATE HER, TOO!
NO WAY WE'RE GONNA LET THAT HAPPEN! RIGHT, TEAM?
WE'RE BEHIND YA ONE-HUNNERT PERCENT, SONIC!

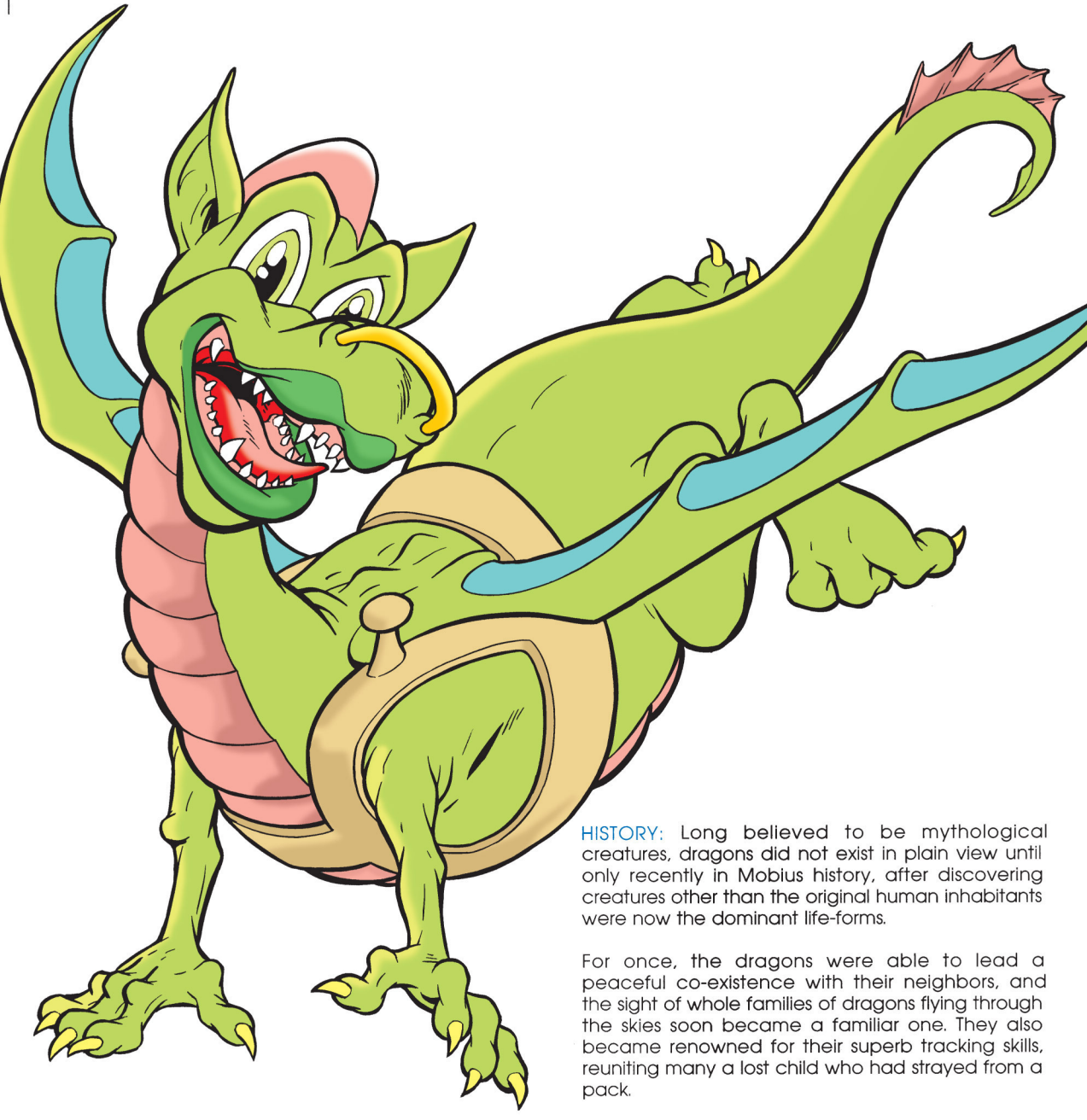

IT'S YOUR FUNER--
--HUH?!
HE TOOK APART OUR GUNS IN LESS THAN THREE SECONDS, HONCH!
BETCHA BASIC TRAINING DIDN'T PREPARE YA FOR THAT!
ENOUGH!
FWOOM
YOU'RE HELPLESS WITHOUT YOUR GUNS, AREN'T YOU? GOOD! IT MAKES MY TASK EASIER!
COOL IT, ZAN!
ZIP

STAND ASIDE, OR I'LL ROAST YOU TOO!
ZAN... PLEASE...
SLAP
UGH!!
SPLOOSH
YOU LOUSY CREEP!
SOK
DULCY... ARE YOU OKAY?
YES...


NO YER NOT. I WAS WRONG ABOUT THE OVERLANDERS DOIN' THAT TO YER ARM, RIGHT?
OH, DULCY...
"WHY WOULD YA WANNA BE WITH SOMEBODY WHO HURTS YA?"
YOU MISSED ME!
THOOM
THEN WHY DOES HE HIT YOU?
ZAN LOVES ME.
IN YOUR FACE, DRAGON-BREATH!
WHUD
THUD
WHAK
MAYBE IT'S MY FAULT...
DON'T GO THERE, GAL. YOU KNOW YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL, DON'T YA? YOU CAN'T STAY WITH ZAN...
DIDJA SET THE EXPLOSIVES?
"YOU BET HONCH!"
FWOOOSH


BOOM!
SONIC!
ZAN!
THE CAVE'S BEEN SEALED SHUT!
IT'LL TAKE HOURS TO REMOVE THESE HERE BOULDERS!
LOOK-- OVER THERE!
VZZZZZZ
=Whew= MAN, WAS THAT--
--CLOSE!
SUGAH-HOG!
YOU'RE ALIVE!


WAY TO GO, BOYS...
I'M SORRY, DULCY.
ZAN...
...MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
"LET'S CONTACT BASE.
COMMANDER BRASS HAS IN-FORMED ME THAT THE MISSION WAS A SUCCESS.
WELL THEN, MISTER PRESIDENT...
...DO WE HAVE A DEAL?
YES, PRINCESS, STATION SQUARE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT THE OVERLANDER REFUGEES.
"GUESS IT ALL WORKED OUT IN THE END..."



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DULCY

FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #29, December 1995
FULL NAME: Dulcinea (AKA "Dulcy")
BORN: 235 / 3223
HEIGHT: 168 marks WEIGHT: 23 stone
HAIR: peach-orange
EYES: green
WINGSPAN: 118 marks
ABILITIES: Fire-breather, capable of flight over limited distances
KNOWN FAMILY: Sabina (mother - roboticized)
KNOWN FRIENDS: Princess Sally, Sonic, Tails, Rotor, Bunnie Rab-bot, Amy Rose

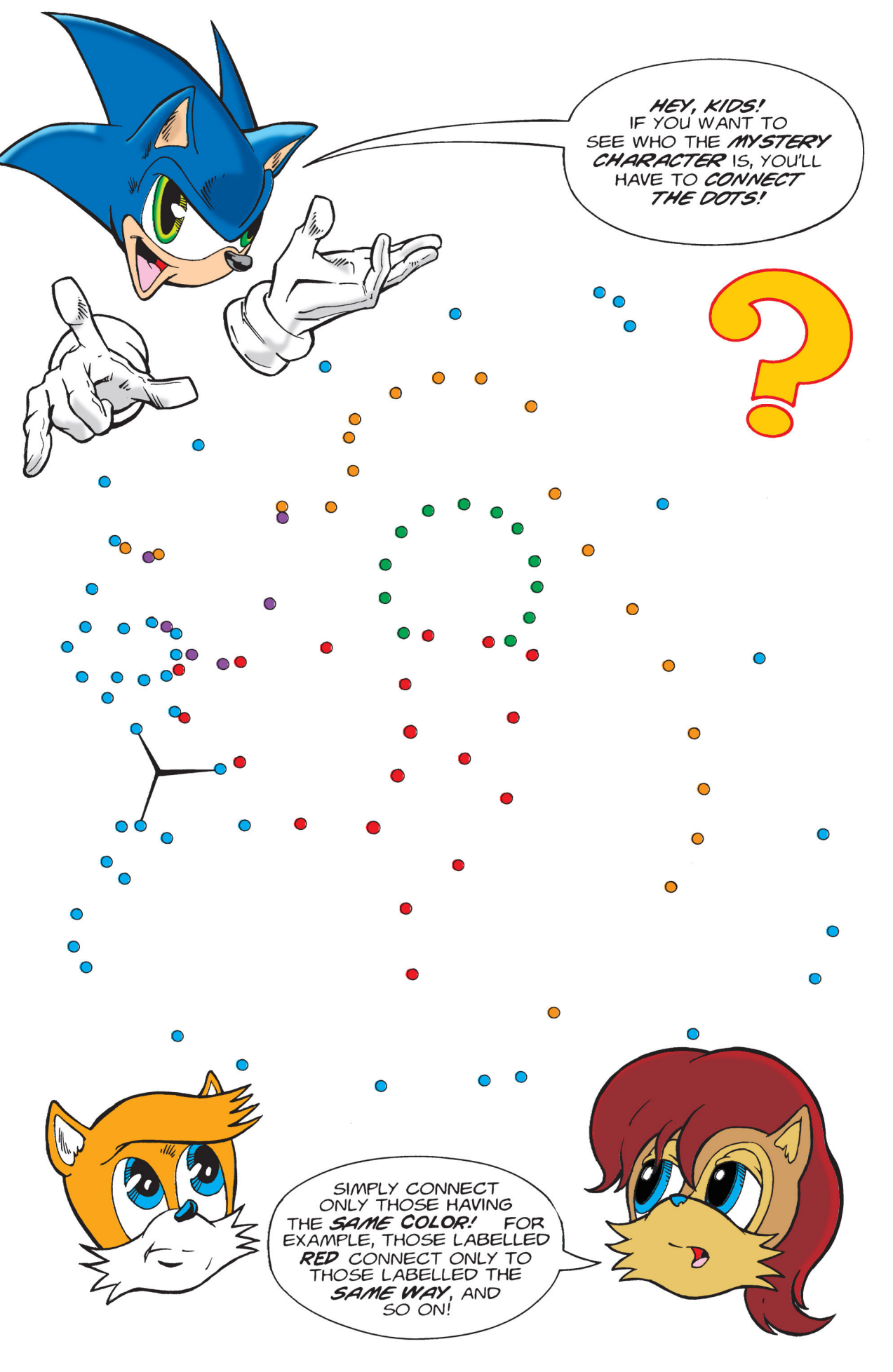
HISTORY: Long believed to be mythological creatures, dragons did not exist in plain view until only recently in Mobius history, after discovering creatures other than the original human inhabitants were now the dominant life-forms.

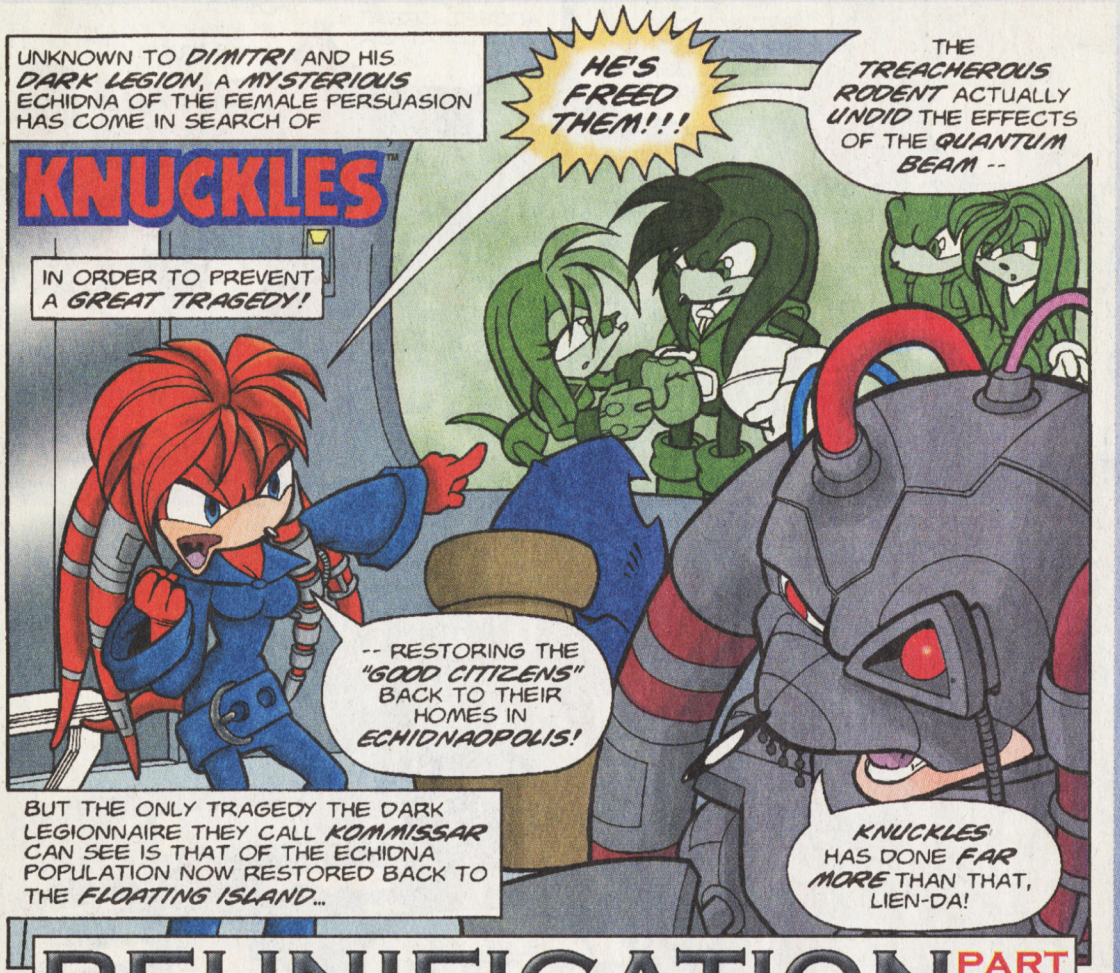
For once, the dragons were able to lead a peaceful co-existence with their neighbors, and the sight of whole families of dragons flying through the skies soon became a familiar one. They also became renowned for their superb tracking skills, reuniting many a lost child who had strayed from a pack.

Many decades later, when Robotnik came to power, he began systematically roboticizing the dragon species first, as he recognized them to be among the most dangerous threats to his plans. He nearly succeeded completely until a young mother named Sabina sought sanctuary for her daughter Dulcinea with the Princess, Sally. Shortly after securing her daughter's safety, Robotnik had Sabina captured and roboticized.

As the years passed, Dulcinea -- or rather, Dulcy, as she was more commonly referred to by her closest friends -- grew to full height and joined the Freedom Fighters in their struggle against the first Robotnik and now against the latest incarnation.

Currently, she lives mostly outdoors due to her massive size, and can be usually found sleeping upside down with her tail curled around a tree branch for support. She has an instinct for being able to sense danger from afar and can always be counted on to tell the truth, as well as recognize when others are not.


HEY, KIDS! IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHO THE MYSTERY CHARACTER IS, YOU'LL HAVE TO CONNECT THE DOTS!
SIMPLY CONNECT ONLY THOSE HAVING THE SAME COLOR! FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE LABELLED RED CONNECT ONLY TO THOSE LABELLED THE SAME WAY, AND SO ON!


UNKNOWN TO DIMITRI AND HIS DARK LEGION, A MYSTERIOUS ECHIDNA OF THE FEMALE PERSUASION HAS COME IN SEARCH OF
KNUCKLES™
IN ORDER TO PREVENT A GREAT TRAGEDY!
HE'S FREED THEM!!!
THE TREACHEROUS RODENT ACTUALLY UNDID THE EFFECTS OF THE QUANTUM BEAM --
-- RESTORING THE "GOOD CITIZENS" BACK TO THEIR HOMES IN ECHIDNAOPOLIS!
BUT THE ONLY TRAGEDY THE DARK LEGIONNAIRE THEY CALL KOMMISSAR CAN SEE IS THAT OF THE ECHIDNA POPULATION NOW RESTORED BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND...
KNUCKLES HAS DONE FAR MORE THAN THAT, LIEN-DA!

REUNIFICATION PART II

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE ONGOING SAGA OF SEGA'S EVER-POPULAR ECHIDNA, BROUGHT TO YOU BY...

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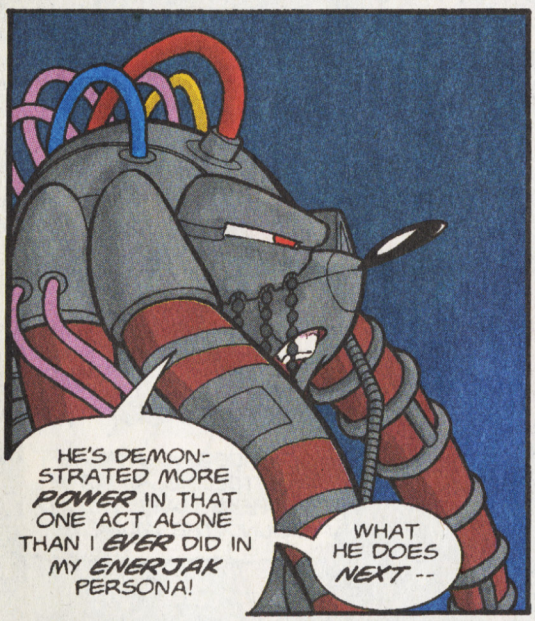

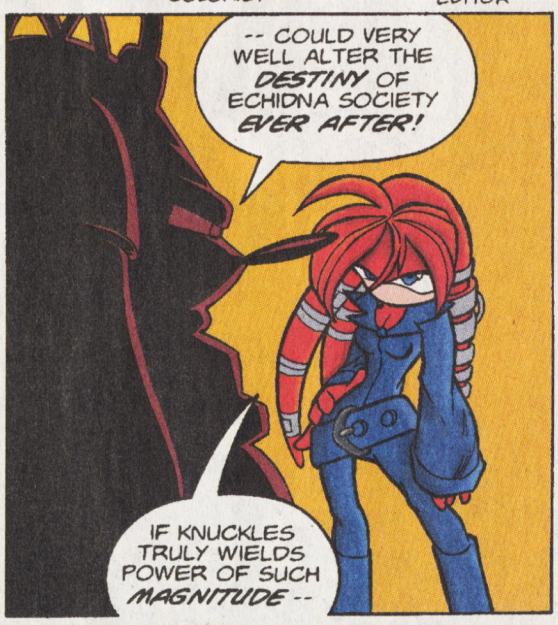

-- THEN WE NEED TO TERMINATE HIM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
THAT'S A RISK I'M WILLING TO ACCEPT, GREAT-GRANDFATHER!
WHAT'S NEEDED MOST RIGHT NOW IS A PAWN TO DO MY BIDDING!
BE CAREFUL, MY DEAR!
FOR ALL WE KNOW, HE COULD HAVE HEARD EVERY SYLLABLE YOU'VE JUST UTTERED!
BUT WHO?
I SEE A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES ONSCREEN!
SURELY IT WON'T BE THAT HARD --
" -- TO PICK ONE!"
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISS -- ?
JANI-CA!
CONSIDERING WHERE I AM, TELLING ANYONE MY REAL NAME WOULD SOUND THE ALARM!

CONSTABLE REMINGTON!
LADY LARA-LE! WHATEVER CAN I DO FOR YOU?
JILLEKENES! IT'S GRANDMA-- ONLY MUCH YOUNGER!
WE'RE FINE, BUT HAVE YOU ANY WORD CONCERNING KNUCKLES?
THIS IS SO WEIRD!
NOT A SIGN, M'LADY!
I WOULDN'T WORRY, THOUGH!
HE'S EITHER TENDING TO HIS BUSINESS --
" -- OR ELSE HE'S WITH THOSE FRIENDS OF HIS..."
WE'RE BACK ON THE ISLAND, GUYS!
REALLY, MIGHTY? WHAT GAVE YOU THE FIRST CLUE?
BUT NO SIGN OF KNUCKLES --
-- OR JULIE-SU!
LAST TIME I SAW KNUX HE WAS BUSTIN' HEADS WITH THE DARK LEGION!
KNUX ON THE SHORT END OF A FIGHT, ESPIO?
THAT DON'T SOUND RIGHT!
THERE'S ANOTHER POSSIBLE SCENARIO, VECTOR --
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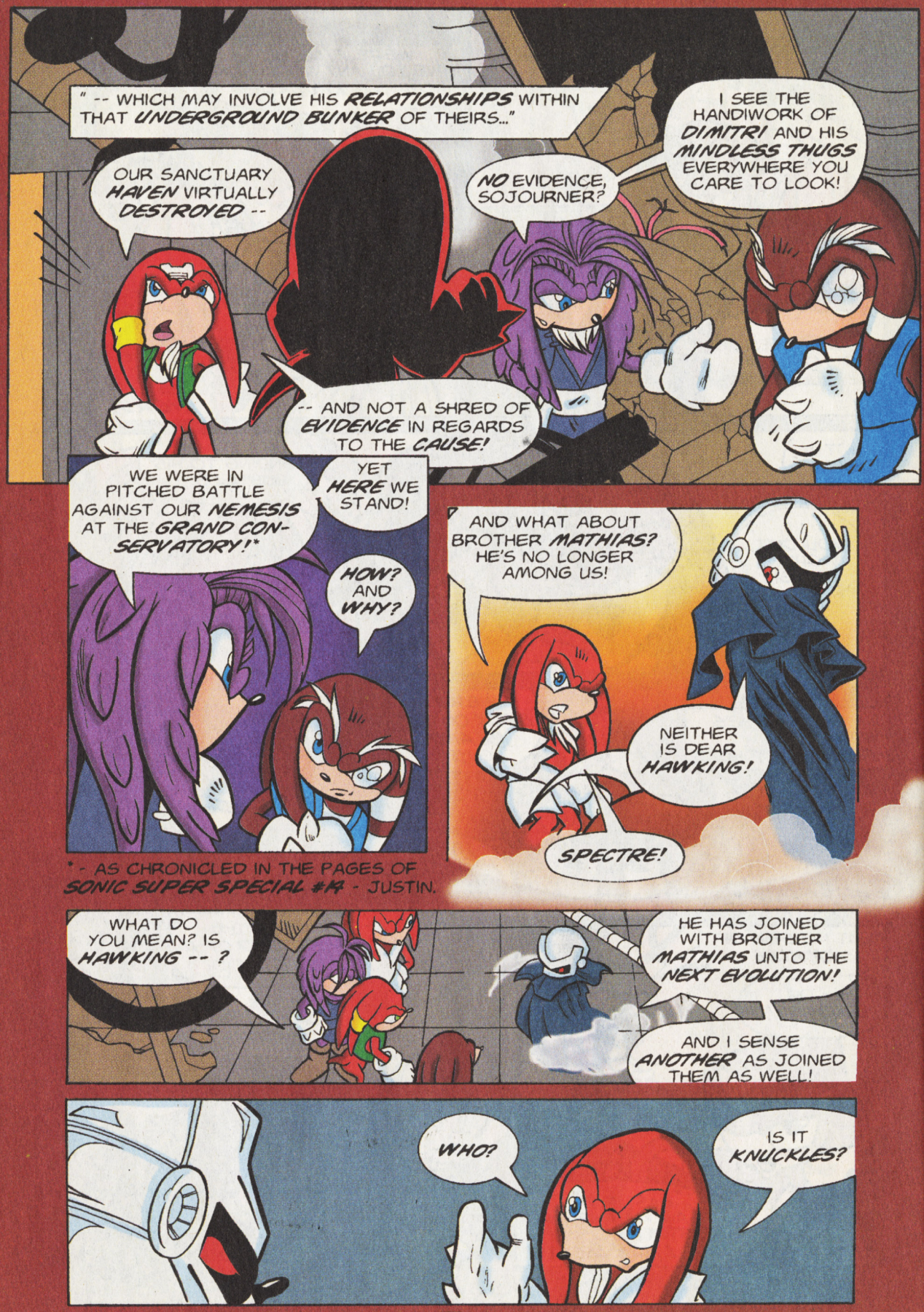
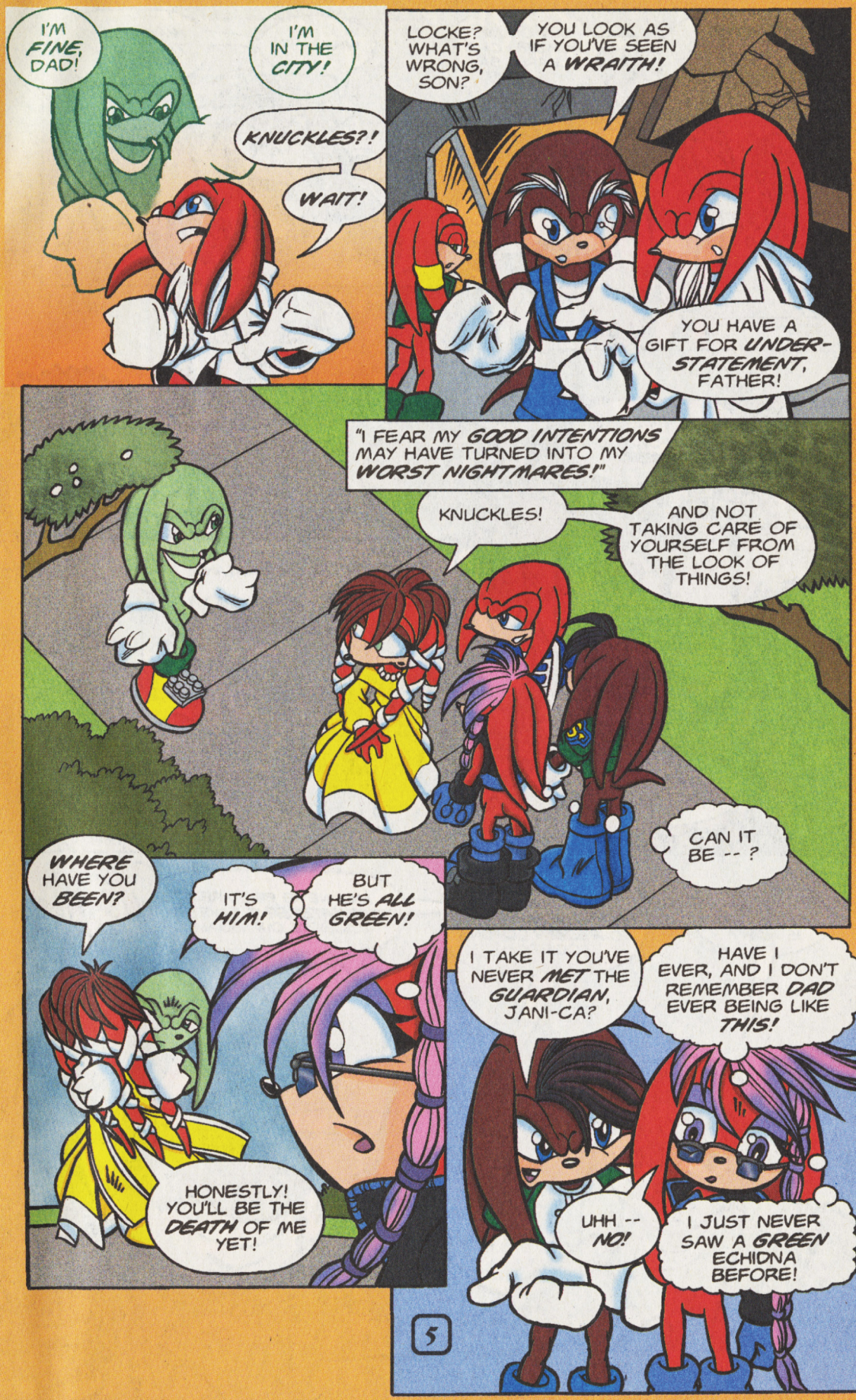

" -- WHICH MAY INVOLVE HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THAT UNDERGROUND BUNKER OF THEIRS..."
OUR SANCTUARY HAVEN VIRTUALLY DESTROYED --
NO EVIDENCE, SOJOURNER?
I SEE THE HANDIWORK OF DIMITRI AND HIS MINDLESS THUGS EVERYWHERE YOU CARE TO LOOK!
-- AND NOT A SHRED OF EVIDENCE IN REGARDS TO THE CAUSE!
WE WERE IN PITCHED BATTLE AGAINST OUR NEMESIS AT THE GRAND CONSERVATORY!*
YET HERE WE STAND!
HOW? AND WHY?
AND WHAT ABOUT BROTHER MATHIAS? HE'S NO LONGER AMONG US!
NEITHER IS DEAR HAWKING!
SPECTRE!
* - AS CHRONICLED IN THE PAGES OF SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #14 - JUSTIN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IS HAWKING -- ?
HE HAS JOINED WITH BROTHER MATHIAS UNTO THE NEXT EVOLUTION!
AND I SENSE ANOTHER AS JOINED THEM AS WELL!
WHO?
IS IT KNUCKLES?


I'M FINE, DAD!
I'M IN THE CITY!
KNUCKLES?!
WAIT!
LOCKE? WHAT'S WRONG, SON?
YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'VE SEEN A WRAITH!
YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR UNDER-STATEMENT, FATHER!
"I FEAR MY GOOD INTENTIONS MAY HAVE TURNED INTO MY WORST NIGHTMARES!"
KNUCKLES!
AND NOT TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS!
CAN IT BE -- ?
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
IT'S HIM!
BUT HE'S ALL GREEN!
HONESTLY! YOU'LL BE THE DEATH OF ME YET!
I TAKE IT YOU'VE NEVER MET THE GUARDIAN, JANI-CA?
HAVE I EVER, AND I DON'T REMEMBER DAD EVER BEING LIKE THIS!
UHH -- NO!
I JUST NEVER SAW A GREEN ECHIDNA BEFORE!
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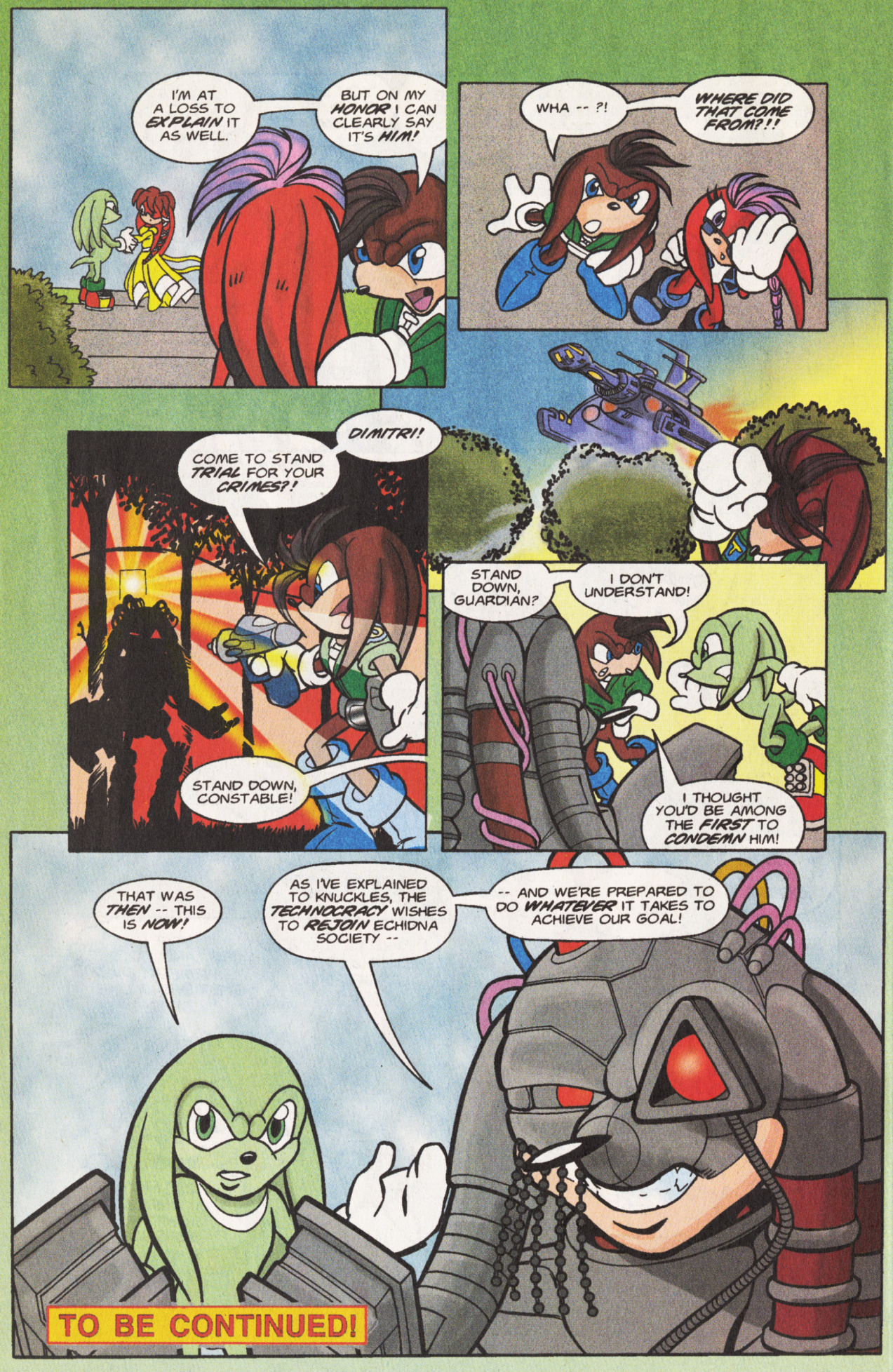
I'M AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN IT AS WELL.
BUT ON MY HONOR I CAN CLEARLY SAY IT'S HIM!
WHA -- ?!
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?!!
DIMITRI!
COME TO STAND TRIAL FOR YOUR CRIMES?!
STAND DOWN, CONSTABLE!
STAND DOWN, GUARDIAN?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE AMONG THE FIRST TO CONDEMN HIM!
THAT WAS THEN -- THIS IS NOW!
AS I'VE EXPLAINED TO KNUCKLES, THE TECHNOCRACY WISHES TO REJOIN ECHIDNA SOCIETY --
-- AND WE'RE PREPARED TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL!
TO BE CONTINUED!